

**MINUTES OF THE JOINT MEETING OF
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
TRANSPORTATION SAFETY COMMITTEE & ELDERLY MOBILITY
STAKEHOLDERS GROUP**

January 17, 2006
MAG Cholla Room, 2nd Floor
302 North First Avenue
Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Robert Maki, Surprise	*Marc Scott, City of Tempe
Reed Henry, ADOT	* Kelly LaRosa, City of Avondale
*Martin Johnson, Chandler	*Mark Fooks, Town of Youngtown
* Bruce Ward, Gilbert	Mary Kihl, ASU
* Sandy Adams, Glendale	Jennifer Brown, FHWA
*Doug Dobson, Apache Junction	Stuart Boggs for Teri Collins, RPTA
Peggy Rubach for Chris Plumb, Maricopa County	*Lt. Mike Lockhart, DPS
Larry Talley, Mesa	David Cowley, AAA Arizona
*William Mead, Paradise Valley	* Linda Mendyka, GOHS
Scott Nodes, City of Goodyear	Tom Burch, AARP
Kerry Wilcoxon, City of Phoenix	Jamal Rahimi, City of Peoria
George Williams for Paul Porell, City of Scottsdale	

OTHERS PRESENT

Chuck Ullman, Sun City West	Gary Bretz, RPTA
Marine Anderson, Phoenix	Claudia Walters, Mesa
Betsy Buxer, Easter Seals AZ	Loretta Crimi, ADOT
Donna Brower, Scottsdale	Linda Anderson, Phoenix
Kelly Doell, Phoenix	Doris Marshall, Phoenix
Karen King, FHWA	Jane Lange
Chris Andrews, DES	Eddie Caine, Maricopa County
Matthew Dudley, Glendale	Christina Esles, AAA
Jim Coffman, Coffman Studio	Mary Larsen, Mesa
Dawn Coomer, Scottsdale	Amy St. Peter, MAG
Linda Snidecor, Goodyear	Sarath Joshua, MAG
Michael Grandy, KHA	Kiran Guntupalli, MAG
Ken Murayamn, Gilbert	

* Not present or represented by proxy

1. **Call to Order**

Vice Mayor of Mesa Claudia Walters called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM.

2. Introductions

Members of Safety Committee and Elderly Mobility Stakeholders Group introduced themselves.

3. Meeting Logistics

Sarath Joshua went over the meeting logistics.

4. Goals and Objectives of Joint Meeting

Maureen DeCindis briefed the group on the overall goal to provide a safe, elderly friendly environment on the streets. She referred to the seven options that resulted from the MAG survey on this subject and invited members to discuss and generate the best option for funding improvements with the \$400,000 allocated for this project in the MAG Unified Planning Work Program.

5. Discussion of Elderly Mobility & Safety Project Options

Claudia Walters started the discussion on this topic by asking for a clarification of project options. Sarath Joshua described the seven project options. Providing mid-block crossings was one of the options listed. Kerry Wilcoxon commented that mid-block crossings are expensive to implement and also that they require detailed engineering studies prior to installation. The group discussed all options and agreed on the following descriptions for them:

Option 1: Elderly mobility pedestrian design assistance program

Option 2: Pedestrian numeric countdown signals at major intersections

Option 3: Advance cross-street name signs for arterials.

Option 4: Larger street name signs (with larger letters)

Option 5: Delineation of curbs with retro-reflective paint on the vertical surface in addition to a marked edge line

Option 6: Installing pedestrian activated signalized crosswalks or other appropriate crossings along canals/pathways.

Option 7: Pedestrian activated mid-block signalized crossing with distinct striping and lighting or other appropriate treatments

Following the agreement on the above descriptions, each member was provided with a form for ranking these options. All the individual rankings were then combined with equal weight given to all members, and the results announced. Two of the project options, Option 3 and Option 4, ranked at the top for both the Transportation Safety Committee and the Elderly Mobility Stakeholders Group. The joint committee then agreed to include both these projects as options in the call for projects to be issued by MAG. That concluded the proceedings of the joint meeting.

6. End of Joint Meeting

The Joint meeting ended at 11:10 A.M. and Safety Committee meeting continued.

7. Approval of November 15, 2005 Meeting Minutes

Jennifer Brown moved and Mike Lockhart seconded, and it was unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the November 15, 2005 meeting minutes.

8. Call to Audience

Chairman Maki made a call to the audience providing an opportunity to members of the public to address the Transportation Safety Committee. Chairman Maki added that Blue Crowley had telephoned the Program Manager at MAG prior to this meeting requesting that his comment be recorded that all agencies should give importance to pedestrians and bicyclist and use paint as weapon to indicate delineations and lane restrictions on pavement.

9. Program Managers Report

The following is a summary of the Program Manager's report provided by Sarath Joshua:

- i. FHWA/AASHTP/NCHRP sponsored Safety Peer Exchange Meeting Nov. 16- 17, 2005.
- ii. Report on activities at Governor's Traffic Safety Advisory Council

10. On-Call Request for Qualifications

Sarath Joshua presented the committee with ranking results from selection panel for RFQ responses. Larry Talley from City of Mesa moved a motion to approve the ranking results from selection panel and David Crowley from AAA seconded and the motion passed with Chairman Maki abstaining from voting.

11. A Brief Report on Workshop on Developing Pedestrian Safety Action Plan

Kiran Guntupalli presented Safety committee a brief presentation on effort at National and State level to develop Pedestrian Safety Action Plan.

12. Reports by Committee Members on Transportation Safety Activities

As meeting lasted longer than anticipated this item was put off.

13. Next Meeting Date

Next meeting is scheduled for March 21, 2006 at 10.00AM in Cholla Room at MAG.

14. Adjournment

Chairman Maki adjourned the meeting at 11:50 AM